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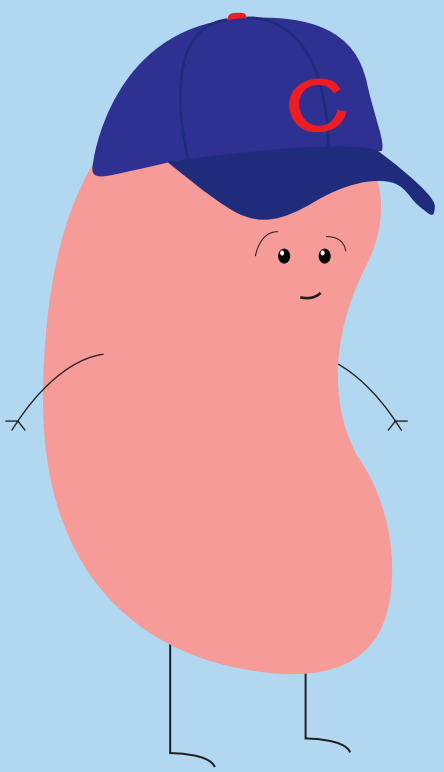

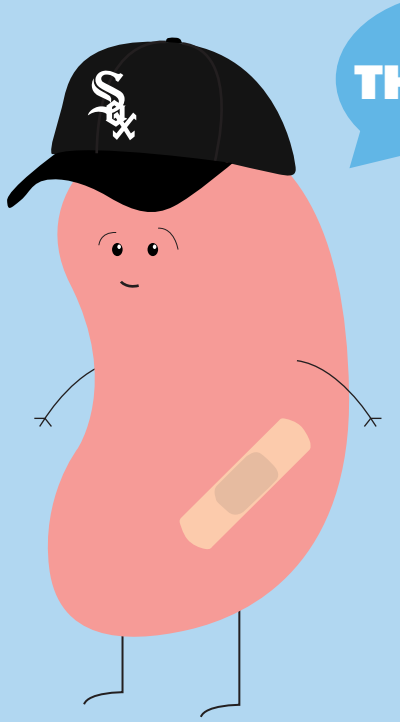

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RUNNERS, CYCLISTS GET OWN PATHS AT LAKEFRONT PARK

AREA AT FULLERTON HAS DISTINCT SPACES FOR DIFFERENT USERS

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Cyclists, pedestrians and runners now have their own lanes—for a stretch that equals the length of nearly three football fields—along the lakefront.

The two new paths—one for cyclists and a second for runners and pedestrians—were built into a new park along the lake at Fullerton Avenue. The new park, which added about 6 acres of green space to the city, was part of a $31.5 million project that involved filling in the lake and installing a concrete seawall to prevent erosion and damage from storms, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation, which is managing the project.

The running and walking path is an unpaved 900-foot-long crushed stone trail located south of Fullerton Avenue just east of the Lake Shore Drive ramps, while the Lakefront Trail sits closer to the lake and is paved with asphalt, according to Mike Claffey, spokesman for the city's transportation department.

The rest of the lakefront will continue to have a multiuse path.

The new paths were designed to ease traffic and improve safety, according to CDOT. Summer will be the true test, when as many as 30,000 people use the 18-mile Lakefront Trail daily on stretches between Ardmore Avenue to the north and 71st Street to the south.

The Lakefront Trail at Fullerton Avenue was ranked by users as one of the most congested spots, among the top places for near misses with other users and a frequent crash site for users, according to a Friends of the Lakefront Trail survey whose results were published in 2013.

Friends of the Lakefront Trail is "an initiative of the Active Transportation Alliance in partnership with the Friends of the Parks and the Chicago Area Runners Association," according to the survey.

Trail users listed creating separate spaces for walking, biking and running as a top priority, according to survey results.

"It is one of the trickiest segments of the trail and a common bottleneck because so many people enter the trail at Fullerton. The Theater [on the Lake], which is an attraction, and the beach are nearby," said Kyle Whitehead, campaign director for the Active Transportation Alliance, a transportation advocacy group.

More than 1,700 people have signed an Active Transportation Alliance petition urging city and park district officials to improve safety along the trail, including separating pedestrians from cyclists who travel slower and faster, Whitehead said. Separating users reduces the likelihood of near misses and collisions, he said.

"When you're on a relatively narrow trail and people are moving at various speeds, the likelihood for conflict is higher," Whitehead said.

The Active Transportation Alliance hopes the city will include separate trails along the rest of the lakefront in future projects such as the long-term North Lake Shore Drive reconstruction project, a redesign of the roadway to eliminate traffic congestion and improve safety and accessibility, Whitehead said.

Creating separate trails was also listed as top priority by the public at meetings on how to improve North Lake Shore Drive.

For now, the trail is open but fencing remains. Light poles will be installed and trees will be planted in the spring, Claffey said.

During inclement weather and high winds, Lakefront Trail users have gotten splashed by water spilling onto the trail. The shoreline restoration bolstered by 1,700 feet of steel and concrete revetment to manage waves should help prevent that from happening, according to CDOT.

"This is one of the areas where often the Lakefront Trail would get flooded," Whitehead said.

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What to do if someone's masturbating on the CTA

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No one really wants to see it, be around it or, quite frankly, talk about it, but it's something that many CTA riders have witnessed, and it should be addressed: masturbation on trains and buses. There, I said it.

So what do you do if you see someone auditioning their hand puppet in public? While it might be easier to just ignore the harassment, move seats or move to another train car, it is against the law in many cases, authorities say. Both the CPD and CTA suggest immediately calling 911 or notifying a CTA bus or train operator.

David Burke, a 29-year-old Rogers Park resident, recalled seeing a semi-circle of people keeping their backs toward someone near a window while riding the Red Line. After he glanced past them, he noticed a man touching himself inappropriately and decided to confront him, calling him out for his lewd behavior.

"We're pulling up to Belmont and someone on the train car had pushed the conductor button. I don't know how they got there so quick, but the conductor finds our car and there are two police officers who simply point at the guy and then point back in a 'you, come with us' motion," Burke wrote in an email. "Needless to say, there was a relief in the car, just not the one we were dreading."

In the first half of 2015, there were 11 reported incidents of public indecency, which is equivalent to 1 for every 23 million rides, according to the CTA. Then again, those are just the cases that are reported.

"We routinely share information with the police, who, in turn, investigate. Over the course of 2015, we have had incidents of public indecency, but our camera footage has aided in arrests," CTA spokesman Jeff Tolman said.

A person caught masturbating or exposing their genitals in a public place could be arrested for indecent exposure, which is considered a sex offense and public indecency, according to police. In 2015, there were 24 reported incidents of public indecency at CTA locations, which included CTA buses, bus stops, trains, platforms and stations, and 14 arrests were made related to those incidents.

And it never hurts to be reminded of CTA's ongoing campaign, "If it's unwanted, it's harassment"—something Maura Foley, a 27-year-old Avondale resident, couldn't agree with more.

Foley said she's witnessed people masturbating on public transit a number of times and feels it's an example of the type of harassment that women face on public transit. She once called out an offender on her morning commute on the Blue Line, stopping him from sexually harassing—or possibly even abusing—another female passenger.

"He had his shirt over his pants and his hand under his shirt, his dick was out underneath the shirt. At first I wasn't sure, but it made me really uncomfortable. Then he edged up right to some girl's back/butt (they were both standing, I was sitting looking at them) so I called out to him, 'What the [bleep] do you think you're doing?' " Foley said. "He bolted from the train at the next station."

For your safety, it is best to immediately get away from the offender and not to approach them, according to Chicago Police. Try to make note of what bus route/rail line you're on, the rail car/bus number, a description of the offender, their clothes and whether you see them exit at a stop, and call 911, according to police.

After a social media callout to our readers, it's clear to me that this happens more often on public transit than we'd care to admit (or remember). But it never hurts to know what to do if you happen to catch someone in the act.

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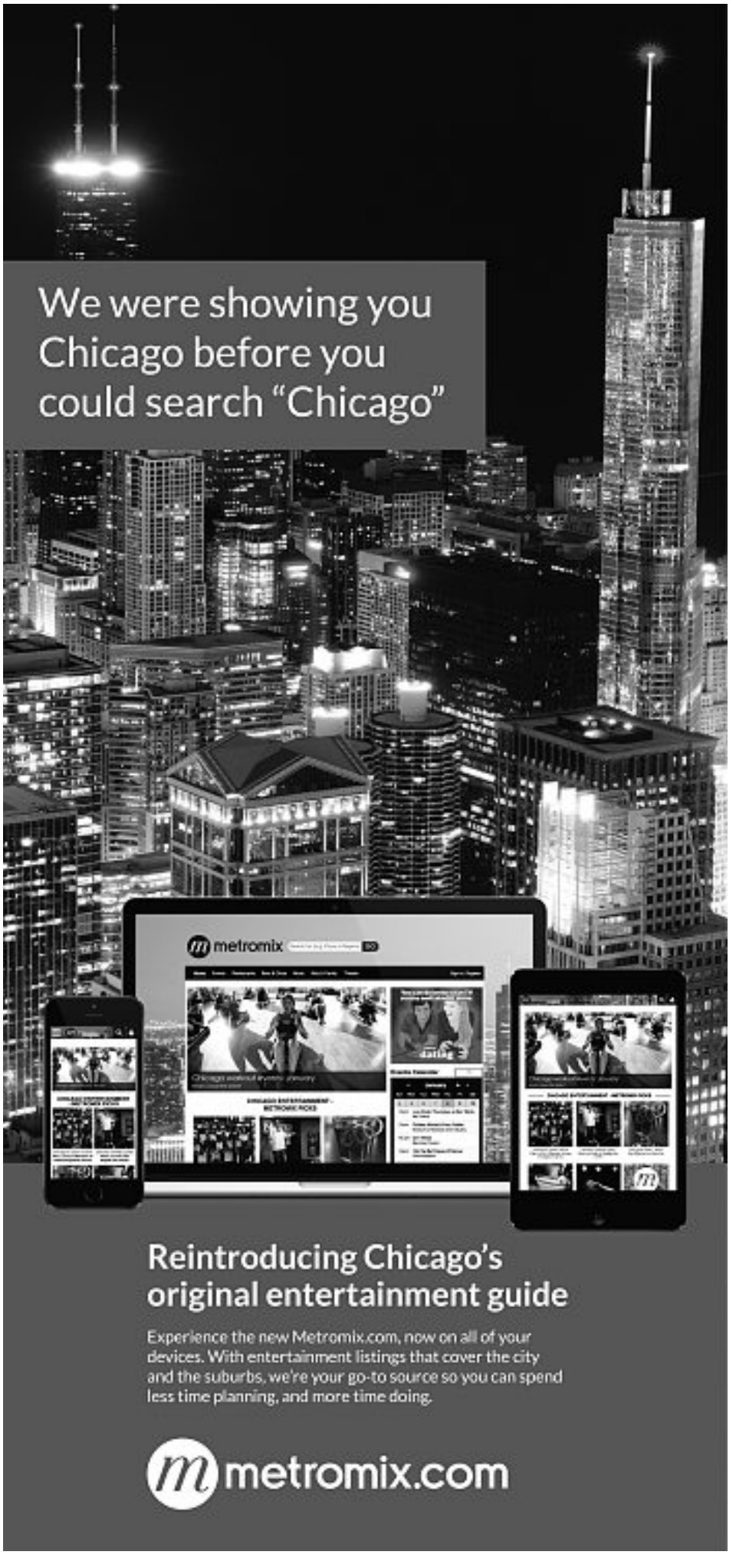

Melanie Walchli (left) and Linda Goodman, both 20, smoke during a downtown walk on Thursday. They said they support the idea of raising the minimum age to buy tobacco. ARIEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

Emanuel proposes raising cigarette-buying age to 21 to help in addiction fight

By Dawn Rhodes | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Teens and young adults are likely to stop smoking—or never start—if they have to ask those 21 and older to buy cigarettes for them.

That's the premise of research that supports a new plan put forth by Mayor Emanuel last week to raise the minimum age for buying tobacco.

Experts say the approach is gaining traction around the country after a recent study estimated that such laws would discourage smoking at an age when many people first get addicted. Chicago would join a list of more than 100 cities nationwide, including Evanston, to raise the legal age for buying tobacco from 18 to 21.

Emanuel introduced the legislation in the City Council on Wednesday. The bill bundles the age provision with tax hikes on cigars, roll-your-own cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

"Older smokers have a higher quit rate than younger smokers. Older smokers are more likely to get treatment," said Carol Southard, a tobacco treatment specialist at the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern Medicine. "The literature has been so consistent that if we can [stop] the kid from starting in the first place, or at least get the kid to stop before they're 21, we've done something significant."

Most states long ago set the legal tobacco age at 18, but a March 2015 study from the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., sparked a new look at the issue. That study concluded that raising the minimum age to 21 would help delay when young adults and adolescents start using tobacco. Almost 90 percent of adult daily smokers say they began smoking before they were 19, according to the study.

MAYOR ALSO PUSHING TO HIKE CIGARETTE PRICES

Mayor Emanuel also announced his intention to raise tobacco product taxes, set minimum quantities of tobacco that can be sold and set minimum prices.

That proposal calls for a 15-cent tax per little cigar in packages of no fewer than 20, raising the fees by $3. Standard-size cigars would carry a tax of 90 cents apiece in packs of at least four. Cigars costing more than $3 each still could be sold individually.

Roll-your-own tobacco would be taxed at $6.60 per ounce, bumping the cost of a small pouch from $7.25 to $11.54. Smokeless tobacco would have a $1.80-per-ounce tax, increasing the price on a standard can from $4.19 to $6.35.

The minimum price for a pack of cigarettes or little cigars and a small package of smoking tobacco would be $11.50. Standard-size cigars would cost no less than $1.74 each and smokeless tobacco would cost no less than $4 per ounce.

The 21-and-over law also would apply to electronic cigarettes, a mayoral spokeswoman said, but the tax increase would not. Emanuel already raised e-cigarette taxes for 2016. –D.R.

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Drew Duszynski attends a Sox game.

Bond beyond baseball

Young Sox fan gets life-saving assist from Cubs fan

By Andy Frye | FOR REDEYE

Chris White and Drew Duszynski are two baseball fans you probably wouldn't see sitting together at a baseball game. After all, White is a Cubs fan and Duszynski loves the Sox.

Besides the fact that neither has been alive long enough to see their team win a World Series, they do share one thing in common. And it's a bigger deal than any crosstown transaction.

Last month, Drew, 5, received a kidney from White, 35. The procedure took place at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Drew, who originally is from suburban Plainfield and now lives with his family outside Milwaukee, was diagnosed just after birth with autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease. For the majority of his life, Drew has been sick and receiving treatment in one form or another.

"Drew has rolled with it as much as a 5-year-old can," said Drew's mother, Pam Schulz, who is also a pediatrician. "He loves sports and has wanted to play all of them since he was little."

But often Drew's energy level and endurance weren't robust enough for basic play.

"He'd get frustrated playing kickball, not

THE DIGITS

3.6 years
The median wait time for an individual's first kidney transplant in the U.S.

More than 100,000
The number of people awaiting a kidney transplant in the U.S.

17,107
The number of kidney transplants that took place in the U.S. in 2014. Of those, 11,570 came from deceased donors, and 5,537 came from living donors.

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The average number of people who die each day in the U.S. waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant.

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Every 14 minutes, someone in the U.S. is added to the kidney transplant list.

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being fast enough to run," Schulz said. "Often, his friends would assign a base runner for him."

Meanwhile, daily regimens included taking up to six medications daily to battle symptoms most children and their parents don't think about, things such as high potassium and high phosphorous—both of which are deadly to kidney patients—and rising blood pressure.

In 2014, Drew's kidney function began to decline severely. By June 2015, he had both kidneys removed and thereafter received dialysis daily while he would sleep at night. Eventually the only course of action became finding a living adult donor.

Friends and family put the word out and arranged fundraisers while also setting up a Team Super Drew page on Facebook.

"We didn't know Chris White, but I noticed he kept trying to friend us on Facebook," Schulz said.

White had gotten word about Drew from his wife, Amy, who learned about the boy's need from a college friend who was connected online and through personal relationships with a group called Will County Parents of Twins.

Schulz said that by the time she had made contact with White, she learned he had been fully approved to donate medically. The Uptown resident also had his own personal motivation to assist.

"When I first started dating Amy, she was getting ready to donate to her dad," he said. "I remember after my wife donated to her father the miraculous recovery he went through."

So when hearing about the opportunity to help someone else, in this case a child who was approximately the same age as his son, Jack, "it was for me a no-brainer," White said.

"I first met Drew at a Bulls game two weeks before Dec. 14, our op [surgery] date," White said. He observed Drew as "just a 5-year-old. Active and a little rambunctious, he was talking up the players and keeping tabs of the Bulls' score, every second."

After last month's operation, White recovered quickly and was released from the hospital within days. He is at work and back to normal, save for the occasional midday nap.

The families stayed connected over the holidays. Drew's family sent White and his family Cubs swag as a thank-you, doing so even though both Drew and his father, Don, are loyal Sox fans. Meanwhile, Drew's mom and the White family are hoping for a World Series on the North Side in 2016.

"I hope that my donation might, at some point, set him straight and influence Drew's choice in baseball teams," White said, joking.

Even if not, Drew has rebounded extremely well.

"It's hard to keep him down now," his mother said. "Drew's got much more energy. And he's eating like a truck driver."

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HOW DO THEY DO IT?

A live kidney transplant is fairly straightforward as surgeries go, especially for donors. Once cleared by physicians, an operation date is set. During the procedure, surgeons make a small incision, approximately 4 inches wide, removing a kidney from the donor and implanting it into the recipient's body.

While recipients are kept in the hospital up to a few weeks for monitoring and to recover from surgery wounds, donors suffer no health repercussions from parting with a kidney; one kidney is more than adequate to support a healthy adult.

White Sox announcer Ed Farmer TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Sox announcer going strong 25 years after transplant

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Drew Duszynski is not a major-league ballplayer. At least not yet—he's only 5, after all. But if he ever chooses to pursue that path, he has a role model in White Sox radio announcer Ed Farmer.

"People ask me how I'm doing," the South Side native said. "I feel [bleep]ing great."

While Drew recovers from a recent kidney transplant at home with his family in Milwaukee, Monday marked 25 years to the day since Farmer underwent the same procedure. Both he and Drew suffer from polycystic kidney disease, which is hereditary.

> People ask me how I'm doing. I feel {bleep}ing great.
> —**Ed Farmer,** White Sox radio announcer

The play-by-play man pitched 11 years in the majors, including three with the Sox (1979-81). It was during his time with Chicago that his stats noticeably declined, jumping from 3.34 ERA in 1980 to 4.61 the next. That was not a coincidence.

"My kidneys were bleeding because the cysts started to pop," Farmer said. "[Before I experienced symptoms] I would go out for a 10-mile run in the offseason three days a week, and I would run it in an hour and 8 minutes. And when I was with the Phillies [starting in 1982], nobody knew what was wrong with me. I couldn't run from the dugout to first base [without being winded]."

He tried to handle the symptoms on his own for a while, despite the fact his mother died of kidney disease at age 39.

"If you do nothing, then your body's going to react," Farmer said.

In August 1990, his kidneys failed to the point that he was hospitalized, and Farmer ultimately required a transplant; his brother Tom donated one of his kidneys. Yet as frightening as Farmer's own experiences were, he expressed every confidence young Drew would be healthy in no time.

"He's gonna do great," Farmer said. "Your kidneys work at 20 percent of capability because that's all they have to do. My one kidney that my brother Tom gave me doesn't have to work at 100 percent. It works at 80 because that's what keeps me healthy.

"It's a beautiful thing this 35-year-old [kidney donor] is doing for this young person. ... That's a gift you can never repay. As much as I try [to repay my brother], I can never repay it. We're all in this together."

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GET COZY

Ben gives a team an award after a soccer competition during Monday's episode of 'The Bachelor.'

'BACH' ATTACK

HOW HATE-WATCHING 'THE BACHELOR' BECAME A COMPETITIVE SPORT

By Lauren Loftus | WASHINGTON POST

I recently did something I'm not particularly proud of—I cheered when a woman cried over her rejection on "The Bachelor."

I cheered because this woman's heartbreak cleared the way for another contestant to win a rose from the affable yet boring Ben. And I was rooting for this particular contestant not because I truly hope she finds love with this bumbling, 6-foot-4 dreamboat but because her acceptance meant I scored points for my "Bachelor" fantasy team.

It's my first time participating in such a league, which some co-workers invited me to join. Similar to fantasy football, our league consists of about a dozen participants who fork over cash to "draft" their dream team of seven contestants vying for the Bachelor or Bachelorette's heart. Except instead of poring over past seasons' stats, all we have to go on is a photo of each contestant and a brief bio. Superficial judgment is the name of the game.

I don't buy the idea that two people can fall for each other in highly directed situations over the course of a few weeks. And as a feminist, I don't feel great about supporting this charade where women are pitted against one another for love. But I have to admit—I can't wait for the next episode.

Hate-watching. Guilty pleasure. Whatever you want to call it, why am I so excited to find out who wins that final rose?

Rachel Dubrofsky, an associate communications professor at the University of South Florida who wrote a book on watching "The Bachelor," suggests that it might be because the show is in on the joke.

Now in its 20th season, "The Bachelor" is a very different beast than when it premiered on ABC in 2002. As the seasons progressed, the audience and participants became so familiar with the format that the show developed "humorous irony, seeming self-reflexivity," along the lines of " 'We know that you know that this is the requisite hot tub scene or overnight date, and we can't do this with a straight face anymore,' " Dubrofsky said.

As for why seemingly intelligent, independent women watch this show in droves, Dubrofsky said it's not necessarily because they agree with the values portrayed on the series.

"Women have conflicted, as well as complex and interesting, ways of consuming popular culture," she said, so it's not surprising that they like to watch the way pop culture addresses the things that society tells them they are supposed to want. We're in on the joke, too.

Becca Ryan, the co-creator of the official Bachelor Fantasy League blog **BachFantasy.com**, agrees. "We're not taking it seriously," she said, at least of her group of girlfriends she started the league with five years ago.

But she wouldn't call what they do hate-watching. "I fully enjoy watching," the digital media account director said. "There are infinite things to react to each week."

Ali Barthwell, a comedian and freelance writer whose hilarious "Bachelor" recaps appear on Vulture, says today's TV-watching experience of live tweeting and rushing to read the best recaps is this generation's version of water-cooler culture. We watch so that we can be in on the conversation happening around us. And competitions such as Bachelor fantasy leagues, Bachelor Bingo and drinking games are an extension of that. There's "all these bizarre, sexual and romantic tropes that the show gets to exploit, and that is very interesting for people to watch," Barthwell says. "It's the reason we still gossip with our friends about our love lives."

We love to hate-watch 'The Bachelor' too. Each week, three RedEye staffers report back on how their 'Bachelor' fantasy team is doing. Read our weekly recaps of arguably the most misogynistic show on TV at redeyechicago.com.

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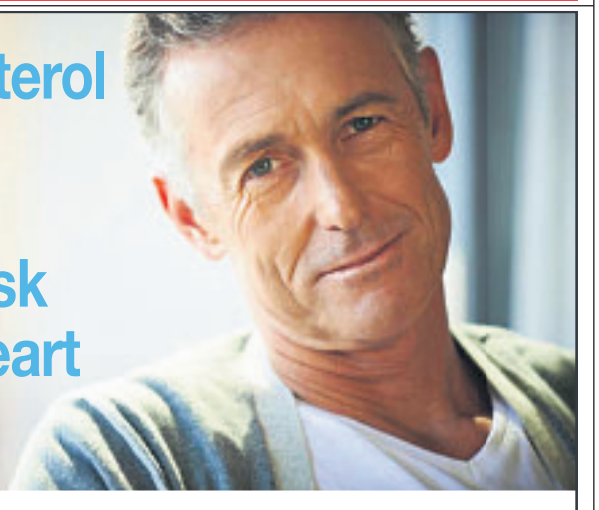

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Capricorn *Dec. 22–Jan. 19*
A Full Moon on Saturday will fall in your 8th House of Shared Resources and Intimacy, the area of your chart that connects to where you feel most vulnerable. Remember, true love begins with giving your lover permission to access those places you want to hide. This week, you might be ready to do exactly that.

Aquarius *Jan. 20–Feb. 18*
Emotions may run high for you and your partner this week. Your love connection will be a focus thanks to Saturday's Full Moon in your relationship sector. A sense of fulfillment is possible, but you might also feel hypersensitive and more vulnerable in matters of the heart. Adding to this is the fact that Venus will enter the most private area of your chart on the same day. Romantic insecurities might need to be addressed.

Pisces *Feb. 19–March 20*
Your social life will be the key to your love life. From Saturday until Feb. 16, Venus will move through your 11th House of Friends. This is also the area of your chart connected to your greatest hopes. If falling in love is on your list of top aspirations, you'll have extraordinary support to help make that happen. Be sure to accept a friend's invitation to set you up on a blind date. Magic is in the air!

Aries *March 21–April 19*
A Full Moon in your romance sector on Saturday will lead to a turning point in your love life. Luckily, it appears that your heart is full and you're in a very happy place with someone special. If you've been casually dating someone, you might realize that your feelings run much deeper than you've let on. Also, does your sweetheart add to or detract from your reputation? This question becomes more vital for you to answer.

Taurus *April 20–May 20*
You'll feel the power of love this week. Your mate will have the ability to lift you up and help you materialize one of your most heartfelt goals. He or she will support you as you dream big, but even more so, will remind you that you have all the muscle you need to make this dream come true. Still doubt yourself? Don't. Your partner will help every step of the way!

Gemini *May 21–June 20*
Communicating from the heart will be much easier. By Saturday, you'll know that no matter what, it's time to be true to your feelings and to express them to the person who matters most. Also, after Saturday and until Feb. 16, there might be a welcome boost in finances for you and your partner to enjoy together.

Cancer *June 21–July 22*
Your partner will leave you feeling more appreciated and validated this week on so many levels. If you two are thinking about making a stronger commitment to each other, between Saturday and Feb. 16, there's a good indication that you'll take the plunge.

Leo *July 23–Aug. 22*
There's no way for you to be casual or nonchalant about your feelings for someone special this week. In fact, you might suddenly feel an urgency to define a relationship that you previously felt comfortable letting flow. If you're single, after Saturday, the potential for an office romance heats up, or you might meet someone sexy at the gym or at a doctor's appointment.

Virgo *Aug. 23–Sept. 22*
Love is in the air! If you're single and hoping to open your heart, you're in luck. Between Saturday and Feb. 16, you might meet someone very special—someone who truly magnetizes you. Even if you're attached, there's good news. You and your lover might find more time to share in the pleasures of life together. Or, you could be thinking about having a baby together.

Libra *Sept. 23–Oct. 22*
Your family's opinion about your love life will become more important after Saturday. Luckily, it appears that they'll offer you nothing but supportive words and positive vibes. If you haven't yet introduced your sweetheart, consider making that happen between Saturday and Feb. 16. If you're single, there's potential that one of your friends knows exactly who to set you up with. Be open.

Scorpio *Oct. 23–Nov. 21*
Your most dreamy romantic fantasies are about to be brought to life. On Monday, Mars, now in your sign, will be at a perfect angle to Neptune, the planet of unconditional love, which is currently nestled in your true love sector. Mars helps us go after whatever we want with courage and wild abandon. This week, there's no doubt about it—you're going after the love of a lifetime. And there's every indication that you'll get it.

Sagittarius *Nov. 22–Dec. 21*
An unexpected argument between you and your lover might hint at trouble in paradise. On Wednesday, be certain that you really want to "go there" with your sweetheart. A seemingly innocent conversation may suddenly take a troubled turn, and before you know it, you'll be engaged in a war of words. The topic? Money, of course. But then again, this blow-up might be long overdue.

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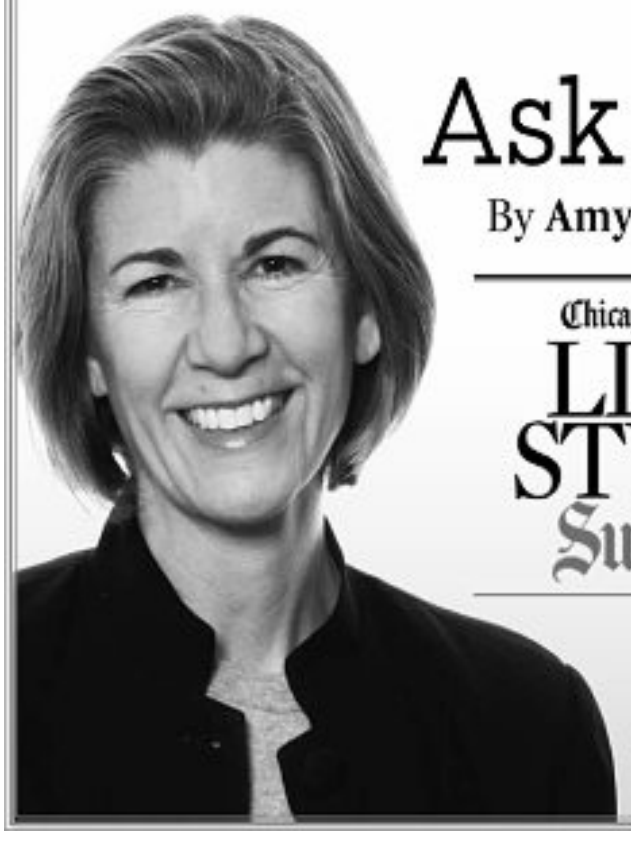

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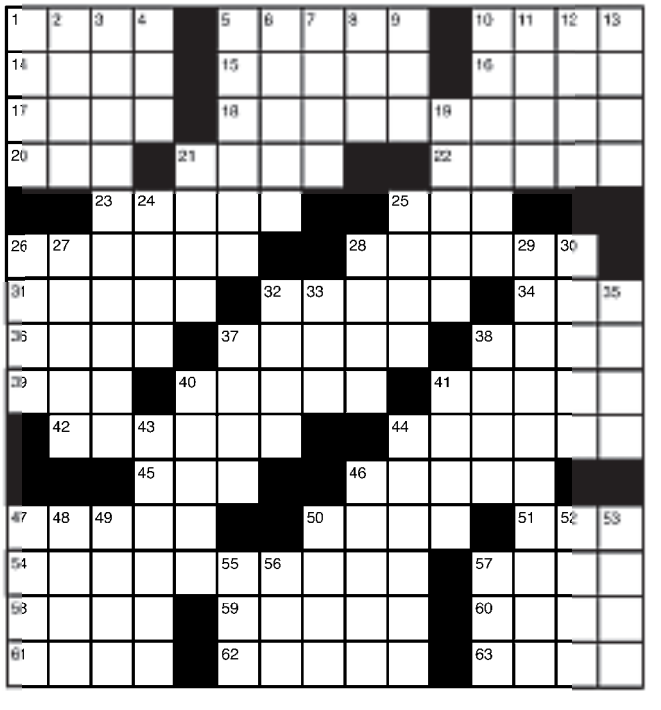

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OSCAR BOYCOTT

Spike Lee and Jada Pinkett Smith are boycotting this year's Oscars over the lack of diversity in its nominations. According to **vulture.com**, Lee wrote a letter to the Academy asking how it's possible that for the second year in a row all 20 contenders in the acting categories are white. He added, "And Let's Not Even Get Into The Other Branches. 40 White Actors In 2 Years And No Flava At All. We Can't Act?! WTF!!" Pinkett Smith posted a video to Facebook emphasizing the power and influence that people of color have amassed. She noted that while she won't support or watch the Oscars, she meant no disrespect to host Chris Rock, who has already jokingly referred to the Oscars as "White BET Awards."

We would like to do nothing with these 'Bitches'

Universal Pictures has acquired the Paula Pell ("Sisters" and "SNL") pitch "Do Nothing Bitches" with **Tina Fey** and **Ronda Rousey** set to star. According to **variety.com**, the story will follow wealthy, pampered wives who get a rude awakening at a camp where Rousey plays a no-nonsense instructor. Yeah, we're down.

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Ice Cube (left) and Kevin Hart in 'Ride Along 2'

THE DIGIT

$41.5M

That's how much money "Ride Along 2" made at the box office this weekend. According to **thr.com**, it landed ahead of "The Revenant" and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Despite coming in third, the latest movie in the "Star Wars" franchise garnered $32.6 million for a domestic total of $858.5 million. Damn, that's some money.

THE QUOTE

"WHOA. THIS IS SUPER COOL! THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!"

—**Jacob Tremblay**, at the Critics' Choice Awards on Sunday night. The 9-year-old actor took home the award for Best Young Actor/Actress for his role in the movie "Room." He added, "I first want to say thank you to all the critics who voted for me. It must be a super hard vote because of all of the other great actors in this category." Awww. Also, he's keeping the award next to his Millennium Falcon toy. Double aw.

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